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OPTICAL DATA AND READING-WRITING  
APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL DATA

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.143**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated July 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.